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WORLD DRY PEA CROP HIGHER;

EXPORT PROSPECTS GOOD

Dry pea production for 1962 in the 18 reporting countries totaled 12.6 million bags. It is believed, however, that if data were available from the Communist areas, along with India and Pakistan, total world output would be nearly 100 million bags.

Of the year's reported increase of about 2 million bags, or 19 percent, the largest single gain occurred in the United States where 1962 output was 4.9 million bags, compared with 3.5 million in 1961, and the 1955-59 average of 4.3 million bags. Record-high yields accounted for 1962's increased production. The United States is the world's largest producer outside the Orient and the world's largest exporter.

The Netherlands, second largest exporter, and second largest producer outside the Orient, harvested a short crop in 1962, totaling 1.4 million bags. This was 23 percent below 1962 and 40 percent under the 1955-59 average.

Morocco, a much smaller exporter, reported a 90 percent increase in production in 1962; however, the increase amounted to only 370,000 bags.

Production in Canada was 9 percent below 1961 and 25 percent below average.

In Western Europe, excluding the Netherlands, the world's largest importer, 1962 production was 19 percent above the 1961 low, but 20 percent below the 1955-59 average. The 1962 increase is a reflection of the previous year's low, particularly in France, rather than of a current high level of production.

Of the 2 million bags of U.S. peas exported last year almost two-thirds went to Western Europe and the rest to Latin America and Canada. The Latin American and Canadian markets have been trending upwards. Continuation of

PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: Acreage, yield, and production in specified countries, average 1955-59, annual 1961 and 1962

Continent and country	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production			
	Average 1955-59	1961	1962	Average 1955-59	1961	1962	Average 1955-59	1961	1962
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/
North America:									
Canada	73	66	50	1,036	941	1,137	756	624	566
United States	284	329	328	1,257	1,063	1,510	3,570	3,498	4,954
Total	357	395	378	1,212	1,044	1,460	4,326	4,122	5,520
South America:									
Argentina	54	74	75	463	477	588	349	353	441
Chile	39	41	42	672	471	504	262	198	209
Peru	16	16	17	147	981	892	147	160	150
Total	109	131	134	695	543	597	758	711	800
Europe:									
Belgium	22	17	13	2,655	3,051	2,944	584	517	392
Finland	22	8	7	1,155	1,201	934	254	100	66
France	55	28	37	1,605	1,800	3,079	883	498	1,149
Germany, West	10	12	15	1,600	1,651	1,467	160	192	220
Italy	43	35	31	602	612	597	259	212	187
Netherlands	85	55	36	2,699	3,229	3,778	2,294	1,761	1,360
Spain	84	86	85	533	566	786	448	485	672
Sweden	33	23	22	1,097	1,261	1,239	362	287	276
United Kingdom	86	28	23	1,760	2,321	1,514	1,514	650	560
Yugoslavia	21	21	21	938	892	987	197	187	207
Total	461	313	290	1,509	1,562	1,755	6,955	4,889	5,089
Asia:									
Japan	38	34	31	1,045	1,364	1,239	397	461	386
Turkey	3	6	6	933	1,015	1,050	28	64	66
Total	41	40	37	1,037	1,335	1,222	425	525	452
Africa:									
Morocco	122	169	154	445	237	500	543	401	770
Grand total	1,090	1,048	993	1,193	1,016	1,272	13,007	10,648	12,631

1/ Bags of 100 pounds. Venezuela produced 37,000 bags in 1962, 35,000 in 1961; Greece produced 12,000 in 1962, 13,000 in 1961; Lebanon 4,000 each year.

the up trend is expected for 1963, especially in Canada, where 1962 production is 60,000 bags less than last year, and 200,000 bags below the 1955-59 average.

U.S. exports to European markets have fluctuated with European domestic production and with available exports from the Netherlands, Morocco, Belgium, and New Zealand, major U.S. competitors.

Although domestic production in Western Europe is up slightly this year, it is 2 million bags below the 1955-59 average. It is down particularly in the Netherlands from which other Western European countries normally receive half their annual imports. A 1962 shortage of dry peas in Belgium virtually offsets increased availability in Morocco this year. Thus, the outlook for U.S. pea exports appears promising for 1963.

U.S. exports in the first 2 months of this marketing year are 11 percent higher than for the comparable period last year, and the third highest on record for this short period.

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